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A flagger monitors motorists' speed near a road construction zone north of Odessa on U.S. 13 Tuesday night. Repaving work on U.S. 13 and Del. 299 should be finished by the time people are heading to work Friday.

Odessa road work to end Friday

From staff reports

Repaving work on U.S. 13 and Del. 299 in Odessa should be completed by early Friday morning, according to the state Department of Transportation.

Crews have been working during the night since Sunday to strip the worn road surface and pave new asphalt in

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its place. Officials said the work on Del. 299 (Main Street) and segments of U.S. 13 north and south of town were needed as part of general maintenance.

Work has been limited to the nighttime hours to minimize the effects on traffic and area residents.

"No complaints about noise," DelDOT spokesman Mike Williams said. "People are just really happy to have it done. When it's finished, everybody will see a better roadway."

One resident last week said bumpy sections of the road in the past have caused tractor-trailers to rumble through the Main Street-U.S. 13 intersections and shake area houses. The repaving project is costing about \$180,000.

While most of the work should be finished by the morning commute Friday, Williams said, crews may have to return for a few hours one night next week to lay asphalt.

Crews also will have to return next week during daylight hours to paint permanent stripes on the freshly paved road, Williams said.



Jim Mosley operates a machine that lays asphalt Tuesday night. Crews have been working since Sunday in a project that is costing \$180,000.